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FOR HUNT FROM MCANDREW

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UNEF MANDATE

REF: SINAI 1949

1. YOUR AUGUST 5 LETTER WITH ITS THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT ON SFM OPERATIONS OF SADAT'S VARIOUS OPTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE UNEF MANDATE REACHED US AUGUST 23. I HAVE GIVEN COPIES TO NEA AND IO.

2. NO ONE IN THE DEPARTMENT WITH WHOM I HAVE DISCUSSED THE UNEF MANDATE QUESTION BELIEVES THERE IS ANY MERIT IN SUGGESTIONS THAT A STRENGTHENED UNTSO COULD TAKE OVER UNEF RESPONSIBILITIES IF THE LATTER'S MANDATE IS NOT RENEWED. THE CURRENT EFFORT, THEREFORE, IS TO TRY AND PUT THIS IDEA TO BED BEFORE IT DEVELOPS A MOMENTUM OF ITS OWN.

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3. WITH REGARD TO THE "300 OFFICER LIMIT" FOR UNTSO, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS FIGURE MERELY REFLECTS A BUDGETARY CONSTRAINT, THERE BEING NO FORMAL LIMITATION ESTABLISHED BY SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

4. WHILE OBVIOUSLY SFM SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE FORTHCOMING

WITH UNTSO OFFICERS WORKING ON CONTINGENCY PLANS, WE TRUST
NO ONE WILL SAY ANYTHING THAT WOULD CREATE THE IMPRESSION

THAT THE USG WOULD, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME, SUPPORT A MOVE
TO HAVE UNTSO SUPPLANT UNEF IN THE BUFFER ZONE. CHRISTOPHER

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